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FROM HQ USAF/SG

110 Luke Avenue, Room 400
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SUBJECT: Screening Policy for Hepatitis C Virus

References: (a) HQ USAF/SG Memorandum, "Air Force screening and Treatment Policy for Hepatitis C Virus," 13 Apr 00

(b) ASD(HA) Memorandum (HA policy 99-00016), "Screening and Treatment Policy for Hepatitis C Virus," 16 Jun 99

At the request of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs) [ASD(HA)], we recently completed a medical record review of 48 individuals over 35 years of age who retired or separated in Jul 00. The records were randomly selected from all of those fitting this description in Jul 00. None of them contained the hepatitis C virus (HCV) screening questionnaire as required by ASD(HA) policy. This screening rate maybe partially explained by the short implementation to assessment period. However, spot inquires within the last month suggested that the screening questionnaire is still not being accomplished in all treatment facilities. Medical treatment facility commanders must ensure screening polices set forth in the references above are implemented as soon as possible.

Additionally, we've coordinated with the Air Force Personnel Center (AFPC) to include an HCV screening requirement in the Military Personnel Flight's out processing documentation. AFPC will add this requirement to the revision of AFI 36-2102, *Base-Level Relocation Procedures*, which they expect to publish within three months.

We anticipate reassessing compliance in six months to ensure we are meeting HCV screening policies. If you have any questions, my POCs are Col Dana Bradshaw or Lt Col Fred Kelsey. AFMOA/SGZP, 110 Luke Avenue, Room 405, Bolling AFB, DC 20332-7050, DSN 297-4286 or COMM 202-767-4286, e-mail: dana.bradshaw@usafsg.bolling.af.mil or fred.kelsey@usafsg.bolling.af.mil.

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